

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE CHANGE
(COMMERCIAL FIRST-CLASS PACKAGE
SERVICE)

Docket No. MC2011-29

NOTICE OF MINOR CLASSIFICATION CHANGE
(September 26, 2011)

Pursuant to 39 C.F.R. §§ 3020.90 and 3020.91, the United States Postal Service (Postal Service) submits this Notice of Minor Classification Change to change the name of Commercial First-Class Package Service in the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) to “First-Class Package Service.” The Postal Service intends for this change to become effective on October 11th, which is fifteen days from today.

In Docket No. MC2011-28, the Postal Service requested that the Commission rename Lightweight Commercial Parcels to “Commercial First-Class Package Service” in the MCS.¹ At the same time, the Postal Service published in the Federal Register a final rulemaking revising the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) to reflect the recent transfer of Lightweight Commercial Parcels to the competitive product list.² In that rulemaking, the Postal Service renamed the product, for the purposes of the DMM, to “First-Class Package Service.”³

¹ Notice of Minor Classification Change, Docket No. MC2011-28 (Aug. 12, 2011).

² First-Class Package Service, 76 Fed. Reg. 51,257 (Aug. 18, 2011).

³ *Id.*

The Public Representative, and later the Commission, questioned why the product's new name in the MCS differed from its new name in the DMM.⁴ The Postal Service explained that, in the MCS, including "Commercial" in the product's name would "keep clear, into the future, why there are Commercial Base and Commercial Plus prices but no retail prices," while in the DMM, the Postal Service would omit the word "Commercial" because "it would be cumbersome to refer to 'Commercial First-Class Package Service Commercial Base' and 'Commercial First-Class Package Service Commercial Plus.'"⁵

In Order No. 835, the Commission approved the renaming of Lightweight Commercial Parcels to "Commercial First-Class Package Service" in the MCS.⁶ However, the Commission directed the Postal Service to revise the DMM to use the same product name as in the MCS, because of the Commission's preference for product names in the MCS and DMM to match.⁷

If the Postal Service is to employ the exact same product name in the MCS and DMM, it prefers to use the simpler "First-Class Package Service" name rather than "Commercial First-Class Package Service." As the Postal Service stated in Docket No. MC2011-28, attaching the word "Commercial" to the name of a product that has Commercial Base and Commercial Plus prices makes references to those price categories unwieldy (e.g., "Commercial First-Class Package Service Commercial

⁴ Public Representative Comments Concerning Lightweight Commercial Parcels Classification Change, Docket No. MC2011-28 (Aug. 22, 2011); Chairman's Information Request No. 1, Docket No. MC2011-28 (Aug. 24, 2011).

⁵ Response of the United States Postal Service to Public Representative Comments, Docket No. MC2011-28 (Aug. 24, 2011), at 8.

⁶ Order No. 835, Docket No. MC2011-28 (Aug. 31, 2011).

⁷ *Id.* at 6-7.

Base"). The Postal Service is therefore proposing revisions to the MCS to make the MCS consistent with the DMM. A copy of the updated MCS follows as an Attachment.

Respectfully submitted,

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MAIL CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

(Additions are underlined and deletions are marked with strike-through)

PART B COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS

2100 DOMESTIC PRODUCTS**2125 ~~Commercial~~ First-Class Package Service****2125.1 Description**

- a. Any mailable matter may be mailed as ~~Commercial~~ First-Class Package Service Commercial Base mail, except matter that meets the definition of "letter" in 39 C.F.R. § 310.1 and does not fit within any of the exceptions or suspensions to the Private Express Statutes in 39 C.F.R. Parts 310 and 320.
- b. Any mailable matter may be mailed as ~~Commercial~~ First-Class Package Service Commercial Plus mail.
- c. ~~Commercial~~ First-Class Package Service Commercial Base mail is not sealed against postal inspection. Mailing of matter as such constitutes consent by the mailer to postal inspection of the contents, regardless of the physical closure. ~~Commercial~~ First-Class Package Service Commercial Plus mail is sealed against postal inspection.
- d. ~~Commercial~~ First-Class Package Service pieces that are undeliverable-as-addressed are entitled to be forwarded or returned to the sender without additional charge.
- e. An annual mailing fee is required to be paid at each office of mailing by any person who mails at presorted prices (1505.2). Payment of the fee allows the mailer to mail at the ~~Commercial~~ First-Class Package Service price.
- f. *Attachments and Enclosures.* First-Class Mail or Standard Mail pieces may be attached to or enclosed in ~~Commercial~~ First-Class Package Service mail. Additional postage may be required.

2125.2 Size and Weight Limitations*Commercial Base (Single-Piece, ADC, 3-Digit, and 5-Digit)*

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	3.5 inches	3.0 inches	0.05 inch	None
Maximum	18 inches	15 inches	22 inch	13 ounces

Commercial Plus (Single-Piece, ADC, 3-Digit, and 5-Digit)

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	6 inches	3.0 inches	0.25 inch	3.5 ounces
Maximum	18 inches	15 inches	22 inch	<16 ounces

2125.3 Minimum Volume Requirements

Commercial First-Class Package Service	Minimum Volume Requirements
Commercial Base	
Single-Piece	None
ADC	500 pieces per mailing
3-Digit	500 pieces per mailing
5-Digit	500 pieces per mailing
Commercial Plus	5000 pieces per year commitment
Single-Piece	200 pieces or 50 pounds per mailing
ADC	500 pieces per mailing
3-Digit	500 pieces per mailing
5-Digit	500 pieces per mailing

2125.4 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- Commercial Plus
 - 5-Digit
 - 3-Digit
 - ADC
 - Single-Piece
- Commercial Base
 - 5-Digit
 - 3-Digit
 - ADC
 - Single-Piece

2125.5 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Ancillary Services (1505)
 - Address Correction Service (1505.1)
 - Business Reply Mail (1505.3)
 - Certified Mail (1505.5)
 - Certificate of Mailing (1505.6)
 - Collect on Delivery (1505.7)
 - Delivery Confirmation (1505.8)
 - Insurance (1505.9)
 - Merchandise Return Service (1505.10)
 - Registered Mail (1505.12)
 - Return Receipt (1505.13)
 - Restricted Delivery (1505.15)
 - Signature Confirmation (1505.17)
 - Special Handling (1505.18)

2125.6 Prices

Commercial Plus

Weight (ounces)	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit* (\$)	ADC* (\$)	Single-Piece (\$)
≥3.5 and <16	3.210	3.410	3.610	3.890

* For parcels claiming 3-Digit or ADC prices, a \$0.05 surcharge applies if the parcels are not barcoded.

Commercial Base

Maximum Weight (ounces)	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit* (\$)	ADC* (\$)	Single-Piece (\$)
1	1.122	1.254	1.340	1.56
2	1.122	1.254	1.340	1.56
3	1.122	1.254	1.340	1.56
4	1.292	1.424	1.510	1.73
5	1.462	1.594	1.680	1.90
6	1.632	1.764	1.850	2.07
7	1.802	1.934	2.020	2.24
8	1.972	2.104	2.190	2.41
9	2.142	2.274	2.360	2.58

10	2.312	2.444	2.530	2.75
11	2.482	2.614	2.700	2.92
12	2.652	2.784	2.870	3.09
13	2.822	2.954	3.040	3.26

* For parcels claiming 3-Digit or ADC prices, a \$0.05 surcharge applies if the parcels are not barcoded or are nonmachinable.